



The County Commuter

Annual Transportation Survey

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The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) requires the County of Orange to conduct the annual survey. It's that time of year when County of Orange employees are required to complete and submit the mandatory Annual Transportation Survey. The results of the survey will be used to further refine our Commuter Assistance Program and calculate how much air pollution is reduced by our employees who rideshare to work.

The County will be conducting the survey next week, and as you may know, last year we instituted a new on-line survey as a demonstration project for some departments/agencies. This worked so well that this year we're conducting almost the entire survey electronically. Be sure to look for your email message next week with a link to the survey and help us to achieve a minimum 90% response rate! (Paper copies will be made available to employees without Internet access.)

When you submit your transportation survey, your name will be added to a drawing to win gift certificates to local restaurants and retail stores. Good luck and thanks (in advance) for completing the annual survey.

Metrolink Winner

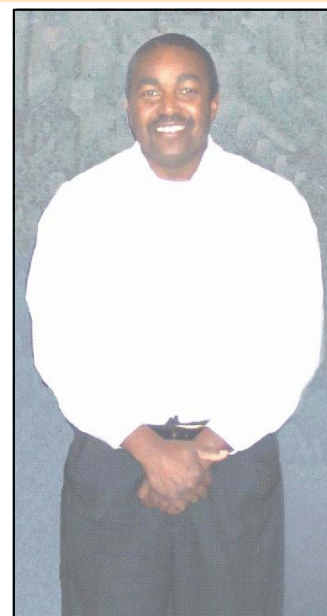
Points of interest:

- Check out real-time information about Orange County traffic conditions at www.traveltip.com
- Did you know that most park-and-ride lots are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and in most cases are free?



Each quarter as part of the "Get Into Training" program, we award a \$100 transit voucher to one lucky Metrolink rider who has entered the drawing after receiving the current rider or new rider commuter rail startup subsidy. This quarter's lucky winner is Jimmie Harris of the District Attorney's Office. Congratulations, and thanks for riding the train! !

Jimmie Harris,
District Attorney's Office
Winner of the \$100 Transit Voucher
Jimmie is an Attorney with the D.A.'s Office



"I look forward to the benefits of being a Commuter Club member."



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Commuter Club Winner

In the last issue of *The County Commuter*, we asked current Commuter Club members to tell us what they thought of the new "Healthy Dining in Orange County" guide. Here's what some of you had to say:

"...the Healthy Dining In Orange County guide came as a very pleasant surprise. I'm enjoying the guide with its wide variety of contents. Hope this marks the beginning of more guides!"

"I love the nutritional facts, dietary information and the recipes. We have referred to it several times to find something different to eat."

"...I look forward to receiving more information on this and other programs available to County employees."

We also entered the names of all current Commuter Club members who submitted a comment into a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate to Islands Fine Burgers and Drinks Restaurant. The lucky winner is Beatrice Chang of the Auditor Controller/Claims Non PO Unit. Congratulations, and thanks for sharing the ride to work (and your comments too!).

If you are currently ridesharing to work, but are not receiving these great benefits, simply log onto the Commuter Assistance Program's



Beatrice Chang,
Auditor Controller
Winner of the \$25 Gift Certificate
Beatrice is an Accounting Supervisor II

website at www.oc.ca.gov/hr/rideshare, click on **Incentive Programs** and print out a copy of the Commuter Club application.

You can also pick up an application form from one of the Commuter Information Display racks located at 30 worksites throughout the County or you can call the Message Center at 714/834-4068.

Also, we'd like to thank El Torito and Acapulco Restaurants for providing gift certificates for our participants. It's never too late to start ridesharing. Send in your application today!

Rideshare Week Oct. 6-10

Rideshare Week is just around the corner and this year's theme is "Pick A Day, Any Day." Ridesharing means any alternative to commuting solo in a car such as public transit, trains, biking, walking, vanpooling and telecommuting.

This year's rideshare campaign will feature drive time radio ads, bus cards and other marketing activities to support the ridesharing effort. Watch for pledge cards that will be distributed to all County employees to encourage them to make a commitment to rideshare at least one day during that week.

